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OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INCLUDING REVIEW JULY 26 WITH RESPONSIBLE OFFICER (HANSEN), INDICATE DUTCH REMAIN FULLY COMMITTED TO WORKING FOR AN EARLY AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS. DUTCH BELIEVE MEETINGS THIS SPRING WERE PRODUCTIVE BUT ALSO POINTED UP AREAS, SUCH AS TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, WHERE MORE DISCUSSIONS MAY BE REQUIRED. DUTCH WOULD HAVE BEEN PLEASED TO SUPPORT A 1979 CONFERENCE DATE BUT WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO PUSH FOR AN EARLY DATE UNLESS THERE APPEARS TO BE WIDER SUPPORT FOR SUCH A CONFIDENTIAL

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DATE. THE IS WHY THEY PUT FORTH THE FORMULATION "NOT LATER THA 1980" (REF C) WHICH WOULD NOT RULE OUT 1979 WHILE LOOKINGREALISTICALLY TOWARD 1980. DUTCH ALSO BELEVE EC MEMBERS HAVE COME GENERALLY TO ACCEPT CONCLUSION THAT AN ILLICIT PAYMENTS AGREEMENT IS GOING TO BECOME A REALITY AND ARE NOW CONCERNED MORE WITH FORMAULATION FOR CONVENING A CONFERENCE. WHILE DUTCH WILL CERTAINLY GO

ALONG WITH A 1980 DATE IF THIS REFLECTS CONSENSUS, WE
CONTINUE TO SENSE A RELUCTANCE ON THEIR PART TO TAKE A
LEADERSHIP ROLE.
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